

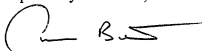
Appl. No.: 10/766,753  
Amdt.dated 06/13/2006  
Reply to Office action of 06/09/2006

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 9, 2006 and supplements the Amendment filed May 1, 2006, in the above-referenced application. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicated that Claim 27 must be indicated as being "Withdrawn" in the claim listing presented in the Amendment dated May 1, 2006. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of the Amendment. The foregoing claim listing identifies Claim 27 as being withdrawn, and the claims are otherwise presented in their same form as the Amendment dated May 1, 2006.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy J. Balts  
Registration No. 51,429

Customer No. 00826  
**ALSTON & BIRD LLP**  
Bank of America Plaza  
101 South Tryon Street, Suite 4000  
Charlotte, NC 28280-4000  
Tel Charlotte Office (704) 444-1000  
Fax Charlotte Office (704) 444-1111  
CLT01/4833968v1

ELECTRONICALLY FILED USING THE EFS-WEB ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE ON June 13, 2006.